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Application No. 10/801,690

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on July 8, 2005. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to express his gratitude to the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview held on August 11, 2005 with Applicant's representative David Klein, Patent Agent 41,118.

The drawings stand objected under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing the magazine well and weapon mentioned in claim 2. Fig. 3 has been added that shows these features. No new matter has been added. Also the reference numeral 32 has been added to Fig. 1 (it had been previously omitted in the drawing by mistake – no new matter has been added). The newly claimed features of claims 20-23 are in the original text but were not in the original drawings. The text and Fig. 3 have been amended to show these features and no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 12-13 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Herold et al.

Claims 9-11 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Herold et al. in view of Kaminski.

Claims 1-6 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fell et al.

Claims 9, 11, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fell et al. in view of Holcomb et al.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 12-13 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Willoughby et al.

Although the above rejections are traversed, for the purposes of expedited allowance certain amendments have been made to the claims. As discussed in the interview, claim 1 has been amended to specifically recite that the light is mounted underneath an underside of a floor plate of the magazine body. It is respectfully submitted that this structure is not found in the prior art.

Claim 2 has been amended to specifically recite that the light has a mounting position such that the light does not face towards or opposite to a shooting direction of the weapon. This means that the light does not face towards the front or rear of the weapon (the language "does not face towards nor opposite to a shooting direction of the weapon" was chosen as

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being deemed clearer than "towards the front or rear of the weapon"). All of the lights of the cited art are mounted such that they face either in the shooting direction or opposite to it. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the structure of claim 2 is not found in the prior art.

In the interview, Examiner stated that claim 12 had been rejected because the elements of the claim were allegedly in the prior art and no patentable weight was given to the preamble. Claim 12 has been amended to positively recite the retrofit kit as part of the claim. Thus, claim 12 is now deemed allowable.

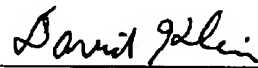
Claim 3 has been canceled as reciting redundant structure. Claims 18-19 have been canceled to keep the number of claims no greater than 20.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-17 and 20-23 are now in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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